

# MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

## Press Release

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### July Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the MBA, reported today that 541,585 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of July compared to 566,646 in 2010.

For the month of July, traffic is down 4.4% and fare revenue is down 5.0% compared to last year.

Sweeney said, "Unfortunately, traffic is down slightly due to higher fuel costs and less vehicle miles traveled. However, the tourist season isn't over yet so we are hoping to reverse that trend."

The Mackinac Bridge Authority has scheduled a substantial amount of long-term preservation work for the bridge over the next several years. These major efforts will ensure that the bridge continues to remain structurally sound and provide a safe crossing for everyone.

The MBA's sole source of funding is from tolls and fees collected at the Mackinac Bridge. All revenue collected is used to maintain, operate, and protect the 53-year-old National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

	Traffic	Traffic	%	Fare	Fare	%
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Inc.</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
January	177,099	182,416	-2.9	\$994,718	\$973,715	2.2
February	185,986	194,714	-4.5	\$1,018,423	\$1,044,581	-2.5
March	202,417	219,022	-7.6	\$1,157,188	\$1,185,198	-2.4
April	222,110	247,155	-10.1	\$1,186,029	\$1,294,460	-8.4
May	294,601	323,985	-9.1	\$1,518,726	\$1,620,890	-6.3
June	367,617	391,502	-6.1	\$1,802,890	\$1,898,038	-5.0
July	541,585	566,646	-4.4	\$2,422,261	\$2,550,266	-5.0